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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- 1-75. <u>Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Studies, Investigations,</u> and Surveys Related to Environmental Education and Public Affairs
- 1. <u>PURPOSE</u>: This Order redelegates certain authorities conferred on the Regional Administrator by Delegation 1-75 of the EPA Delegations Manual.
- 2. <u>AUTHORITY</u>: To approve multimedia grants and cooperative agreements to public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions; to colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher education; and to private persons and individuals, where the above entities are authorized under the Acts and Sections listed below, for special studies, investigations, and surveys for the purpose of environmental education, and for public affairs as collectively authorized under the following Acts and Sections:
 - a. Clean Water Act, Section 104;
 - b. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20;
 - c. Clean Air Act, Section 103;
 - d. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001;
 - e. Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203;
- f. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Section 311;
- g. Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442; and
 - h. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10.
- 3. <u>TO WHOM REDELEGATED</u>: The Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, the Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division, the Director of the Clean Water Division, the Director of the Division of Environmental Science and Assessment, and the Director of the Public Affairs Division.

4. <u>LIMITATIONS</u>:

- a. This authority is limited to multi-statute grants and cooperative agreements. Single-statute grants and cooperative agreements are not authorized under this redelegation, but may be available to these and other redelegatees in other statute-specific redelegations.
- b. In approving grants and cooperative agreements, the redelegatees shall consult with the relevant Headquarters or Regional media office as appropriate to assure the quality of technical and program information.

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- c. Proposed grants and cooperative agreements involving profit-making organizations require the concurrence of the General Counsel or his/her designee.
- d. Before approving assistance agreements of a particularly sensitive nature, redelegatees should consult with the Regional Administrator and/or Deputy Regional Administrator. This should not be construed as a requirement.
- 5. <u>FURTHER REDELEGATION</u>: This authority may not be further redelegated.

6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

- a. Requirements of 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter B, Grants and Other Federal Assistance, as applicable; other applicable program regulations, Federal assistance statutes, including the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 USC § 6301 et seq.; EPA's Assistance Administration Manual, and the requirements of EPA Order Series 5700.
- b. Region 2's standard operating procedures (SOPs) that set forth division-specific concurrence and approval protocols for processing funding recommendations and commitment notices in the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS). For agreements funded with monies from outside the project officer's division, the SOPs require that the funds controllers in those divisions with budget authority be included in the IGMS commitment notice concurrence chain. In addition, Project Officers should consult the SOPs for the organization where the funds originated.
- c. EPA Delegation 1-14-A, which gives the authority to execute grants and cooperative agreements to Regional Administrators, who may further redelegate.
- 7. <u>SUPERSESSION</u>: This redelegation supersedes Regional Order R-1200 (redelegation of 1-75) dated April 19, 2004.

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